THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024 9:30 am Old Swedes Church



THE SEASON IS — Lent. The season of Lent lasts 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with Saturday before Easter. Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation for the entire parish community. Since Sundays are feast days, they are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, but are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. We are called to use this time as a period of introspection, self examination and repentance. Just a reminder, alleluias are omitted from the liturgy during Lent..

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Christopher David—Visiting Priest
Kerry Dietz—Organ
Julia Dooley—Usher
Reader—Al Barefoot
James Earle—Master of Ceremonies/Intercessor
Pam Stevenson—Altar Guild

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In the Anglican cycle of prayer we remember the Church in Wales, and in our own diocese for St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; Andrew Vavala, Sarah Gooderham, Lucy Ramirez, Betty White, Kristen Kelly, Angel Martinez, and Kathryn Jakabcin & Kate Ransom.

The Holy Eucharist

"Wondrous Love" arr. George Lachenauer Prelude **Processional Hymn** Eternal Lord Of Love E Lord your church 1 ter - nal of love. be hold So way 2 dai - ly dy the of self, ing to 3 If dead we rise. in you, SO in vou a -0 ing once more walk the pil - grim way of Lent, dai - ly liv way love, SO ing in your of first - born the faith - ful the of all dead; you O led your cloud night fire, by by day, by your walk we the road, Lord Je sus, that you trod, as through ston ground the green shoots break, and У O your moved by love toward your pres - ence bent: and know - ing our - selves tized in death: bap - to your of flow'r, glo - rious in spring time dress leaf and

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The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

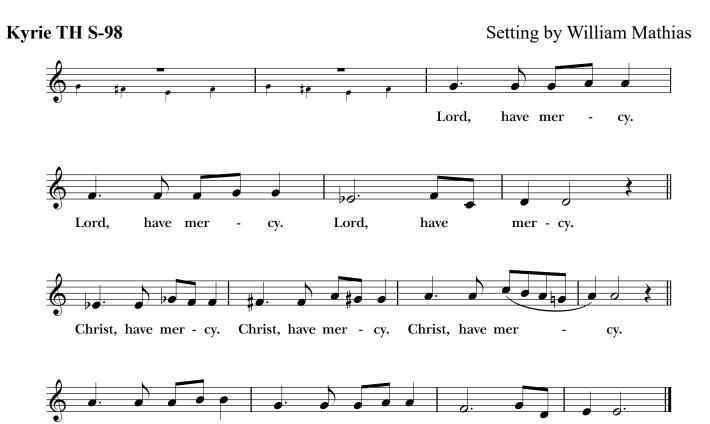
Celebrant and People

Lord,

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

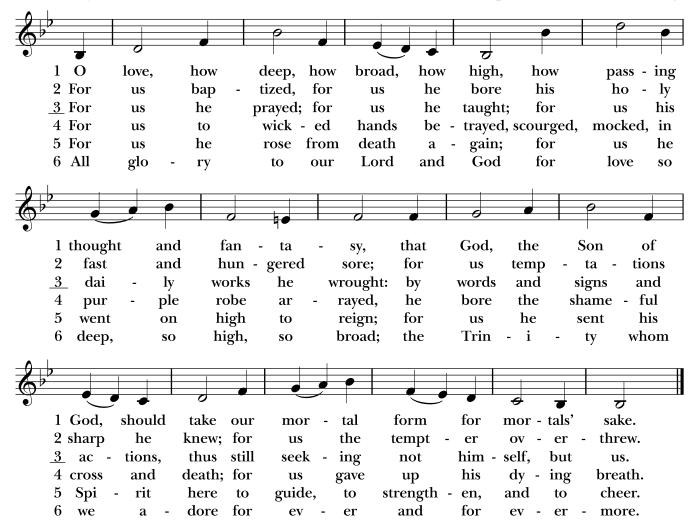
The Epistle Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn TH 448

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

The Gospel People stand as they are able.

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said,

"An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*.

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher David

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. (Psalm 145:14)

God of love hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, unwanted, alone. God of love

Hear our prayer

God of justice hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken. God of justice

Hear our prayer

God of peace hear the cry of those who yearn for peace; in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious. God of peace

Hear our prayer

God of healing hear the cry of those who yearn for healing; physical and spiritual hurting, weakened, depressed, especially Marie Hunt, Mark Levin, Melissa Perry, Anne Digan, Jim

Yandle, Andrea Morgan, Frances Whittingham, Rich Mical, Tom Ptoomey, Julia McKay, Paquito Ocasio, Gerry Ennis, Mark Evans, Stephen Warner, Gerardo Plasensia, and Heath Dotson. God of healing

Hear our prayer

God of mercy hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; convicted, in need of your Grace, contrite, humble, bowed down, God of mercy

Hear our prayer

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. (*Psalm 116:1,2*)

May you know the peace of God, the love of God, the justice of God, the healing and mercy of God, this day and all days. *Amen*.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

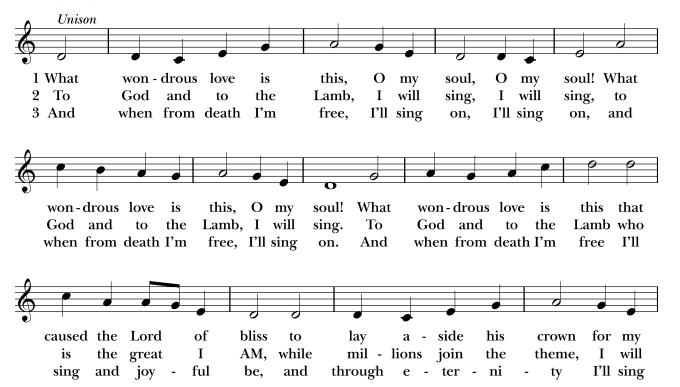
The Offertory

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

Offertory Hymn TH 439

What Wondrous Love Is This





All Things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

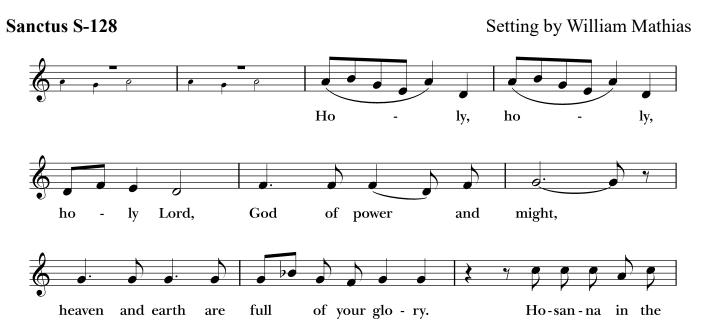
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

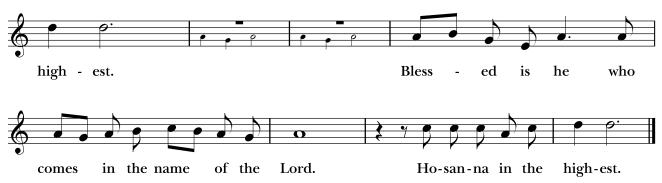
Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:





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The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S-165

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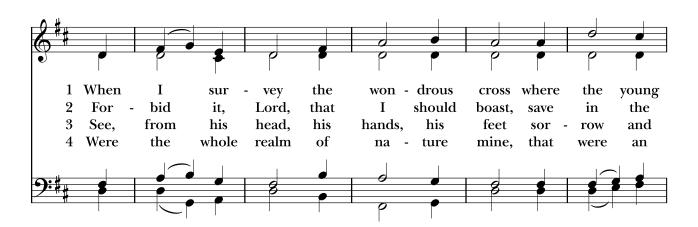


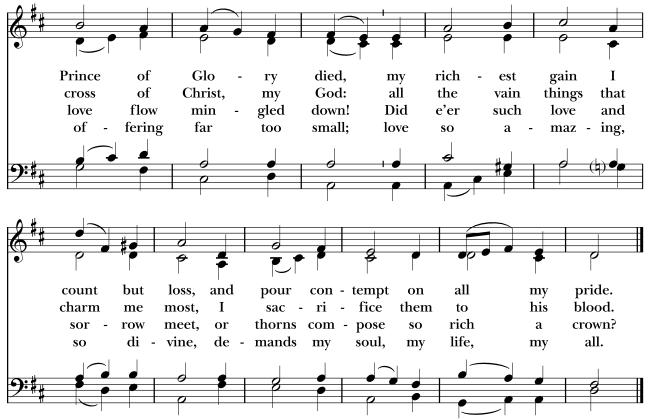


The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn TH 474

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross





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Post Communion Prayer

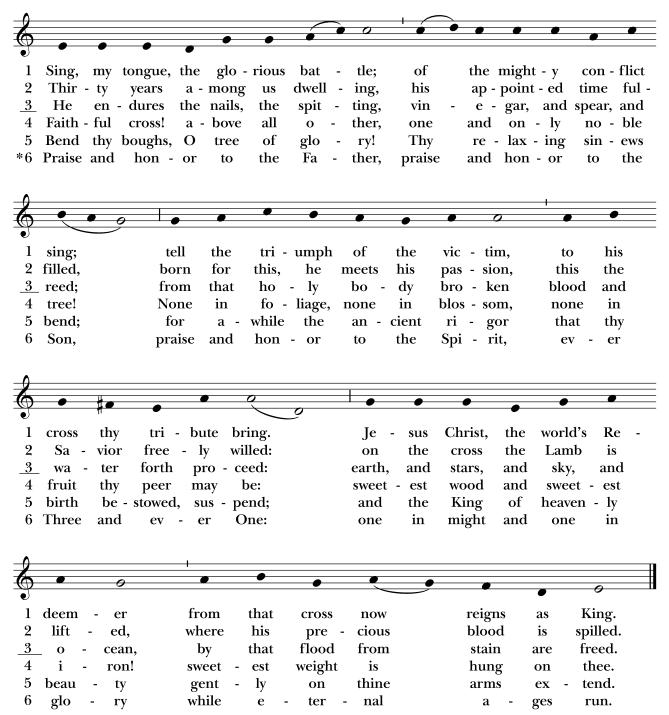
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Bow down before the Lord. *The people kneel, if they are able.*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Londonderry Air"

Irish Air

Announcements

Lent is a time of giving to those in need. In support of Friendship House, we have six weeks of Lenten Giving Opportunities. Please find the info in our Wednesday Newsletter or look for fellow parishioners with info at coffee hour. Please contact Sarah Berninger for more information berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422

Wednesdays in Lent we are reading and discussing the book "Listening for God" volume 1. This is a collection of excerpts from ten contemporary authors. Included are selections from: Flannery O'Connor, Frederick Buechner, Patricia Hampf, Raymond Carver, Annie Dillard, and Alice Walker. Each week we will discuss one author's work. The class is every Wednesday in Lent from 7pm to 8pm via zoom.

Easter Egg Hunts will be held after every service on Easter Sunday. So we need eggs! Please sign up on the chart in the back of the church to bring and/or help hide the eggs. Real eggs are requested.

Easter Egg Hiders—we need folks to hid the eggs and run the hunt on Easter Day following the 10 am service. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the parish office.

Easter Flowers: Using flowers to celebrate the Risen Christ is an ancient custom in the church. At Trinity, we continue this by inviting parishioners to contribute memorial flowers honoring loved ones. The minimum contribution is \$25; please include a list of those you are honoring with your check, and mark the memo line 'Easter flowers.' If you choose to give online, please send an email to office@trinityparishde.org with the list of those you are remembering. The deadline is Friday, March 22. Questions? Please call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. Thank you for participating in the celebration of Easter.

EASTER MORNING MUSIC! The 10:00 am Festival Service of Eucharist on Easter Sunday will feature the full Trinity Choir, accompanied by brass quartet, violin, organ, piano and timpani. A pre-service instrumental music recital will begin at 9:45 am that morning. During the service, soloists and choir will present an eclectic mix of choral music, including Jonathan Willcock's joyful and carol-like "Easter Rejoicing" and Chris Tomlin's contemporary classic "I Will Rise." Join us for this celebratory service as we raise our voices in song in praise of the Risen Lord!

Women's Retreat – Friday May 10 to Sunday May 12. Join us for the women's retreat focused on "Legacy": how we will be remembered when we are gone, how we can support those facing death or helping another to do so, and those who have lost a loved one. Beth Cohen, Rabbi Emerita of Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth Beach, served as Religious Leader there for 10 years before she retired. In her "retirement," she provides Rabbinic support to the synagogue's Social Justice Committee projects, especially its Interfaith activity, and provides pastoral support for Jewish people in the Rehoboth Beach area. Rabbi Beth is also considered the Rabbi in Residence at St Peter's Episcopal Church in Lewes where she has long participated in Bible Study every and led a workshop for St Peter's Summer Spirituality Series. Rabbi Beth will lead us in exploring our topics around Legacy and provide background and understanding on the Jewish approach to these issues. Of course, we will also have time for relaxation, delicious food, beautiful scenery, and the company of other women who are on

the same journey. This retreat is for women of all ages and backgrounds. The cost is \$300 for lodging and meals except lunch on Saturday which is on your own. Assistance with cost is available – contact Rev. Patty Downing. For more information, please contact Kim Denhardt at kdenhardt@gmail.com.

An "Acolyte Boot Camp" will be lead by Patty in the sanctuary at Trinity on Saturday, April 13 at 10 am to train any children eight and older who would like to join our acolyte team. We hope your children can join us! We also need a few parents to help "guide" and "shepherd" the acolyte team and the acolyte robing closet in the choir room, so if you are interested in helping with these duties, please let us know.

FREE CONCERT: Encore Chorale of Wilmington – Come celebrate the return of spring on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 pm, right here at Trinity, when The Encore Chorale of Wilmington, a 40-member vocal ensemble, under the direction of Trinity's Director of Music, David Simmons, presents a FREE concert, filled with an eclectic mix of choral delights, that will light up your spring with warmth and joy!

ARTS DAY AT OLD SWEDES – Reserve the afternoon of Saturday, May 18 (Noon to 5:00 pm) on your calendar and ask your friends to join you for a unique "Celebration of The Performing Arts!" Produced by The Arts At Trinity (TAAT) as part of the 325th Anniversary of Old Swedes, this "first of its kind" event will feature FREE performances by a host of prominent arts ensembles, including Opera Delaware, Delaware Shakespeare, Pieces of a Dream Modern Dance Company, and The Serafin Ensemble. From singing to dancing, and from dramatic offerings to instrumental performances, it will be an afternoon you will NOT want to miss. NO tickets required! Most performances will take place on the stage of the outdoor amphitheater. Stay tuned for more details and exact performance times. Help us spread the word throughout the greater Wilmington region! If you can assist with set-up, logistics, staffing, or tear-down, etc, that day, please contact David Simmons, at david@trinityparishde.org.

Holy Week and Easter at Trinity Parish

March 24	Palm Sunday	8 am and 10 am in English; 12 pm in Spanish
March 28	Maundy Thursday	7 pm in English at Old Swedes with Bishop Brown
		7 pm in Spanish at Trinity
March 29	Good Friday	12 pm in English; 6 pm Via Crucis
March 30	Holy Saturday	7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter—bilingual service
March 31	Easter Sunday	8 am and 10 am in English; 12 pm in Spanish

On Easter Sunday, Easter egg hunts will be held after every service.